



State Senator
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Committees: Appropriations (Minority Vice Chair) (Subcommittees: Community Health; Corrections;
 Environmental Quality; Higher Education)

Biography: Democrat, of Salem Township; born in 1941, at Columbia, South Carolina; graduate, St. Thomas High School (now Gabriel Richard) in Ann Arbor 1959; B.A., journalism and advanced degree course work in journalism and business administration, University of Michigan; resident of Washtenaw County since 1943; resident of Salem Township, 1978 - present; children: Conan, Dana and Tara; member, South Lyon Community School Board, June 1984 - December 1992; commissioner Washtenaw County, 1993-1994; charter member, Ann Arbor Cable Casting Commission, 1972-1978; legislative coordinator for Senator Lana Pollack, 1987-1994; authored laws regulating personal protection orders between juveniles and their parents or guardians and laws and a constitutional amendment which brought the Michigan Compiled Laws into conformity with federal "disability" terminology; member, Library of Michigan Board of Trustees, Legislative Black Caucus, Legislative Arts Caucus, NCSL Committee on Education and NCSL Issues Committee on Children, Families and Health; Vice Chair, Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee; elected to the State Senate, 1994.

